



City of Blairsville, GA
Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
November 6, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.
City of Blairsville City Hall
62 Blue Ridge Street, Blairsville, GA 30512

PRESENT:

Jim Conley, Mayor
Rhonda Mahan, Council
Robert Moore, Council
Tony Dyer, Council
Betty Easter, Council
David Barrett, City Attorney
Kaye McCann, City Clerk

ABSENT:

Larry Stephens, WTP
Ottis Franklin, W/S

VISITORS:

Pastor Bill Honaker
Darren Harper, DDA
PD-Johnny Carrol, David Atkins
PD-Rusty Walker, Seth Dyer
AP-John Hamler, Storman Glass
Joan Mannheim, Accounting
Jody Cook, WWTP
Lily Avery, NGN
Mark Smith/Fetch Your News
Kristian Burks, Total GeekTek
Paul Thompson, Melvin Conley, Donal Rich
Rachel Parent, Gene & Denise Windham
Mitch Griggs, Mike Priven, Colleen Urbaniuk
Bob Bernier, Bill & Janet Trlica, Clyde Burnsworth
Phillip McGlamery, Linda Lawrence, P. J. Bair
Martin & Arvil Stapp, Richard Daves, WC Nelson
Bill McGlamery, Tim & Tammy Hanley
Margaret & Leonard Celaya, Regina Allison

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Invocation was led by Pastor Bill Honaker and Councilmember Robert Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call Meeting to Order: Mayor Conley called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Agenda Approval: Motion was made by Betty Easter, seconded by Rhonda Mahan with a unanimous vote to approve the amended agenda.

Minutes Approval: Motion was made by Rhonda Mahan, seconded by Betty Easter with a unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2017 regular meeting of the City Council.

Public Hearing:

- The Wine Shoppe Alcohol Ordinance Violation of selling alcohol to a person under 21. Lieutenant Rusty Walker addressed the Council stating all restitution has been made. Mr. McGlamery, owner and license holder of The Wine Shoppe, distributed and read a statement to the Council and Mayor. Mayor Conley proposed reinstating the alcohol license and impose the minimum fine for a first time offense of \$150. Motion was made by Rhonda Mahan, seconded by Robert Moore with a unanimous vote to approve reinstating the license and imposing \$150 fine. Mr. McGlamery paid the fine at the meeting and his local and state license was returned.

- Alcohol Ordinance 2017-04 to amend Ordinance 2017-03 – Mayor Conley called for public hearing and asked if there were any public comments. Mitch Griggs asked what changes were being made. Mayor Conley read a summary of the changes in the new ordinance and asked for any further comments. There being none the public hearing was closed and Mayor Conley asked the Council if they had questions. Councilmember Tony Dyer asked for clarification of section on Special Event License.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Unfinished Business

- Truck Ordinance – The Truck Ordinance is a work in progress.
- Airport Camera System – Councilmember Mahan viewed the camera system and stated she preferred the five (5) MP system. Kristian Burks stated this system has four (4) terabytes of recording memory, which is about two months. Motion was made by Tony Dyer, seconded by Betty Easter with a unanimous vote to approve the purchase of the airport cameras and equipment quote in the amount of \$8,195.00.
- Airport Jet-A fuel storage tank – Motion was made by Betty Easter, seconded by Rhonda Mahan with a unanimous vote to approve bid from Charles Nobles in the amount of \$151,000 for 12,000 gallon Jet-A fuel tank and \$7,600 proposal from Laney Construction to construct the Jet A fuel tank foundation. Mayor Conley stated \$100,000 of this project will be reimbursed by GDOT and the balance may be able to be paid from SPLOST funds.

New Business

- Department Head Reports
 - Johnny Carroll, PD: distributed October 2017 Blairsville Police Department report.
 - Jody Cook, WWTP: reported the North Georgia Lift Station is repaired and the SBR pump is operational.
 - Darren Harper, DDA: distributed DDA report dated November 6, 2017 and stated the next DDA Board meeting is scheduled for 11/14/17.
 - John Hamler, AP: Introduced new Airport employee, Storman Glass; reported the EAA had their Fly-In recently.
- Paul Thompson and Bo Conley requested that property along Pat Haralson Road and Conley Road adjacent to the Butternut Creek Golf Course be annexed by the City. City Attorney David Barrett informed Mr. Thompson that the request should be made in writing to include plats to be presented to the Council.
- Mr. W.C. Nelson requested that the building he currently co-owns at 126 Blue Ridge Street be grandfathered in prior to the September 1988 Water Sewer Ordinance requiring meters be set for each unit in a building. The building at this address was built prior to this ordinance being passed.

- Motion was made by Tony Dyer, seconded by Betty Easter with Tony Dyer, Betty Easter and Rhonda Mahan voting yea and Robert Moore voting nay to approve Mr. Nelson’s request and not require meters for each unit upon sale of building at 126 Blue Ridge Street.
- Motion was made by Robert Moore, seconded by Tony Dyer with a unanimous vote to approve the list of businesses and forms for the 2018 Occupational Tax Certificate Renewals. Attachment 1
- Motion was made by Robert Moore, seconded by Rhonda Mahan with Robert Moore, Rhonda Mahan and Betty Easter voting yea and Tony Dyer voting nay to approve the Resolution urging the Georgia General Assembly to oppose de-annexation legislation to create new municipalities. Attachment 2
- Motion was made by Tony Dyer, seconded by Robert Moore with a unanimous vote to approve the entrance sign for the Old Blairsville Cemetery. Attachment 3
- Motion was made by Tony Dyer, seconded by Robert Moore with a unanimous vote to approve the hiring of part-time airport employee Justin Alexander at \$12.00 per hour.
- Sign Permit Applications – Motion was made by Tony Dyer, seconded by Rhonda Mahan with a unanimous vote to approve the following Sign Permit applications:
 - South State Bank, 458 Hwy 515 East, Josh Intoppa/Signart, Applicant
 - Seasons Inn Motel & Plaza, 94 Town Square, Unit N, Chris & Colleen Urbaniuk
 - Hayes Appliance, 94L Town Square, Michael Hayes, Owner
 - Made with Love Marketplace, 94L Town Square, Angela Hayes, Owner
- Occupational Tax Certificate and Sign Permit Applications – Motion was made by Tony Dyer, seconded by Betty Easter with a unanimous vote to approve the following Occupational Tax Certificate and Sign Permit applications:
 - Paci’s Brooklyn Pizza, 417H Blue Ridge Street, Salvatore Paci, Owner
 - Dovetail Historic Restorations, LLC/Dovetail Roofing, 160 Rogers Street, Scott Glosson, Owner

Motion was made by Tony Dyer, seconded by Robert Moore with a unanimous vote to adjourn meeting.
7:57 p.m.

Kaye McCann, City Clerk

Approved by City Council